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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce its upcoming Gun Buy Back Event, set to take place on December 2, 2023, at Reid-Hillview County Airport. This community-driven initiative aims to enhance public safety by providing a secure and anonymous opportunity for individuals to turn in firearms they no longer want or need.

The event will run from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and is open to all residents of Santa Clara County. Participants are encouraged to bring any unwanted firearms, including handguns, rifles, shotguns, and assault weapons. To ensure a safer community, individuals can surrender their firearms with no questions asked and without fear of legal repercussions.

“Reducing the number of unsecured firearms in our community is paramount to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents. The Gun Buy Back program provides a crucial opportunity for individuals to responsibly dispose of unwanted firearms, preventing accidents, gun thefts, and potentially harmful situations. By working together through initiatives like this, we can make a significant impact in creating a safer environment for everyone.” – Sheriff Jonsen

Participants will receive a cash incentive in exchange for turning in their firearms. The compensation amount will vary depending on the type of firearm, as determined by law enforcement professionals onsite. Additionally, non-functional firearms and ammunition can also be turned in for proper disposal.

It is important to note that all firearms collected during this event will be properly and safely destroyed. This initiative serves as a proactive measure to ensure that these firearms do not find their way back into circulation illegally, preventing accidents, and reducing the risk of impulsive acts of self-harm.

The Gun Buy Back Event at Reid Hillview Airport is organized in partnership with the San Jose Police Department, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Behavioral Health Services, the Offices of Otto Lee, Omar Torres, and Domingo Candelas, and Santa Clara County Roads & Airports. The collaboration among these entities is a testament to their unified commitment to public safety and reducing gun violence.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office will be distributing gun locks at the event while supplies last. Gun locks are crucial for gun safe gun storage. They will also be handing

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out information on safe firearm storage and gun violence restraining orders from San Jose Police crime prevention and the County Public Health Department, as well as mental health, suicide prevention, and gun safety resources from the County Behavioral Health Services Department.

Santa Clara County residents are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to help make our community safer. We encourage individuals to spread the word about this event and invite their friends, family, and neighbors to participate.

On November 29, 2023, a Press Conference will be held in front of the Sheriff's Office, located at 55 W. Younger Avenue from 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., in collaboration with all partners involved.

**What:**

Gun Buy Back

**When:**

Saturday, December 2, 2023  
Reid-Hillview County Airport  
2500 Cunningham Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95148

**Money:**

\$100 for handguns, rifles, and shotguns  
\$200 for ghost guns and assault weapons

**Details:**

For compensation, firearms must be functional. Limit 5 firearms per person.

All firearms must be unloaded and transported in the trunk of your car. You must remain in your car. Funds are limited to a first come, first serve basis until funds run out. We reserve the right to limit the funds paid to an individual.

**Partners:**

San Jose Police Department  
Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office  
County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services  
District 3 Supervisor Otto Lee  
District 3 Council Member Omar Torres  
District 8 Council Member Domingo Candelas  
Santa Clara County Roads & Airports